IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
	:	**CASE NO.**
v.	:	**3:16-CR-40-CAR-CHW**
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RANDY ERIC ASH,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

ORDER ON UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Before the Court is Defendant Randy Eric Ash's Unopposed Motion for Continuance [Doc. 17] of the pretrial hearing scheduled for March 15, 2017, and the trial scheduled to begin on April 10, 2017 in Athens, Georgia. On November 8, 2016, Defendant was indicted and charged with Attempted Online Enticement of a Minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b). Defendant was arraigned on January 12, 2017, and entered a plea of not guilty. Defendant is currently out on bond.

In the instant Motion, counsel for Defendant represents that additional time is needed to conduct further investigation and enter into plea negotiations, if warranted. The Government does not oppose the Motion, and this case has not previously been continued.

Having carefully considered the Motion, the Court finds it serves the ends of justice to allow Defendant additional time to address these matters, and the ends of justice served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of Defendant and the public in a speedy trial. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel reasonable time for effective preparation and could result in a miscarriage of justice. Accordingly, Defendant's Motion for Continuance [Doc. 17] is **GRANTED**, and it is hereby ordered that this case be continued until June 12, 2017, the Court's next trial term for the Athens Division. The delay occasioned by this continuance shall be deemed **EXCLUDABLE** pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of February, 2017.

S/ C. Ashley Royal
C. ASHLEY ROYAL, SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT